November 11, 1979

To : PREA Members

From: By-Laws Committee

RE: Report on suggested am endments

Meeting held November 1st, 1979 at M. Berkowitz' house, all members of the organization were invited to attend.

Present; Gilberto Colón, Chairman; Lamberto Vera, Benigno Santiago, Juanita Giordano, Carmen Figueroa, Ezequiel García, M. Berkowitz.

After discussing the existing By-Laws at great length, those present agreed on the items here presented for suggested am endments. All proposed items are underlined.

1. That the name of the organization as it appears in the printed booklet be changed to be in compliance with the papers of incorporation, which constitutes a legal document, changing the position of the word Inc. to the end of the name; to read: "Puerto Rican Educators Association of New Jersey, INC."

2. Article IV, p.4, am end to read as follows:

   (Insert word: Section) Section 1. Any Puerto Rican educator who resides or works in the state of New Jersey..... (remains the same) .....upon written application to the secretary of the Corporation, final approval by the Board of Directors and payment of yearly dues,....

3. Section 2. 2nd. paragraph: The term..... to a member who has paid yearly dues, attends meetings.....

4. Insert new article before Article V, to become New Article V, Dues (omitted from present By-Laws)
   The members of the corporation shall pay dues in the amount of twelve ($12.00) dollars a year, payable upon becoming a member, and every year threafter, on or before their anniversary date, based on a twelve (12) month calendar.

5. CHANGE THE NUMBER ON ARTICLE V AND ALL SUBSEQUENT ARTICLES ACCORDINGLY. (Move up one number each)

6. (From now on, all articles will be referred to by the number they have in the existing By-Laws)
   Art. v, Sec.3, b, p.5-6:
   Delete: #8. Advisor, Add #8. Parliamentarian

7. Article V, Sec. 9, p. 8: Duties..... Corresponding Secretary: Change to read: " The Corresponding Secretary shall be responsible for all tasks related to correspondence..... (Add:) The Corresponding Secretary shall forward all mail to the proper person in the organization.

8. Sec. 10, p.8, Add: "F. The treasurer will be a member of the Finance Committee. "

9. Sec11, p. 8-9. Add: "The Assistant Treasurer shall be a member of the Finance Committee."

10. Sec. 12. Advisor. Delete Advisor, add Parliamentarian
The Parliamentarian shall advice the Chair on proper parliamentary procedure, shall keep order at meetings, and seek legal advice for clarification on legal matters when so directed by the Board of Directors.

11. Art. 6, p.9, Ammend as follows:
Standing Committees
Sec. 2, p. 9-10- Add:
f. Publications
g. Scholarships

Sec. 4,p. 10- Ammend as follows:

Educational and Cultural Committee:
This committee will develop educational and cultural programs that support and enhance the purposes of the Corporation, particularly those pertaining to the improvement of the education and culture of the Puerto Rican community. It will implement such programs as directed by the Board of Directors. It will also develop and evaluate the different programs of the organization, determining whether or not the programs, as implemented, are fulfilling the general purposes of the corporation.

Add two new sections:

Section 9 Publications Committee
This committee shall develop procedures and mechanisms to print, publish, disseminate magazines, newsletters, and/or other publications to further achieve the stated purposes of the organization, upon direction from the Board of Directors.

Section 10 Scholarships Committee
This committee sh all developp procedures to establish a scholarship fund for Puerto Rican students in N. J., upon direction from the Board of Directors.

12. Art. VII p. 11, Nominations, Elections, Terms of Office

Section 1 Add for consistency with content.

Section 7, p.13 Am end to read: "...and has paid yearly dues"

13. Article VIII, p. 13 Section 2, Add:
There will be at least 4 (four) Special Meetings of the members of the Corporation during a 12-month calendar year.

Sec. 4, p.14, Quorum
Change: 20 members to 15 members

Sec. 6, p.14, Annual
Change at least 10 others to: at least 4 others

Sec. 10, p.15 Delete "Voting Procedures", Substitute: Proxy Vote